A Note from FAS Founder and President, Janet LuCore

We are just beginning the Spring season. For us at the sanctuary we are preparing for a new batch of babies. Beginning about March or April, we will start seeing mostly cats and kittens. We had a total of 258 brought in to the sanctuary in 2019. Fortunately, we have adopted all but six out. We keep hoping the intake numbers will get smaller each year, but in fact last year was the most we have ever been able to take in and care for. When we take in a dog, cat, or kittens we have to consider:

1. Do we have space for them?
2. Do we have the volunteers or fosters to care for them?
3. Do we have the money for their care, spay or neuter, and any unforeseen illnesses or injuries?

As we try to plan, we also have to remember how fast costs are going up and how we can raise the money to take care of them.

Kittens need to be fed and cared for until they are at least 8 weeks old. When they reach two pounds they will be spayed or neutered, given their shots, dewormed, and microchipped. They are then placed in the adoption area. The adoption fee never covers all of the expenses associated with preparing kittens for adoption.

With all this in mind, we are trying to get ahead of things this year and can use your help. If you would like to donate kitten food or supplies, you can go to our wish list on the FAS web site and see our list of needed supplies. You can also volunteer to foster. This can be a wonderful, fun experience. We supply the formula, litter, and food... you just supply the space and the love!

Of course, money is always needed to pay for spay and neuter procedures, and any other medical needs that arise. By June last year we had spent over $74,000 on veterinary bills and the year was only half over. Vet bills continue to be our biggest expense. Please consider becoming a monthly contributor.

We are a private, no-kill, 501(c)(3) facility which functions completely with volunteers and private donations. We have a great group of people that believe in what we do and generously give their time to work with us. Join us if you can.

Thanks, Janet
“Until one has loved an animal, a part of one’s soul remains unawakened.”

Anatole France

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Christmas Store 2019

The Christmas store is always the Sanctuary’s biggest fundraiser of the year and this past year it was bigger and better than ever. For several years we’ve been fortunate enough to be given, free of charge, use of a storefront near Major Market. This year we secured the space at the beginning of November, which enabled us to open the store earlier in the month than we have in the past and to spend more time organizing and decorating it. The store opened in mid-November after many tireless volunteers had spent countless hours moving donated merchandise from the storage facility to the store, sorting through the multitude of boxes, and displaying and pricing the thousands of items that were generously donated throughout the year. The store was open five days a week until December 23rd, manned entirely by unpaid volunteers who dedicated their entire pre-Christmas season to making it a huge success.

Our heartfelt thanks go to the owner of the space who has so generously allowed us to use it year after year; to the many volunteers who brought Christmas cheer to the store every day despite long hours and time away from bringing the holiday season into their own homes; to everyone who donated items to be sold; and finally to everyone who shopped at the store and, in many cases, gave monetary donations in addition to items bought. You all – every single one of you – helped the animals at FAS with your generosity.

We have already filled a storage locker with items for our 2020 Christmas store and would ask that if anyone has any space – a shed, a barn, a garage, a spare bedroom – to use for storage it would be a tremendous help. Storage lockers add to our monthly expense (we prefer to spend the money directly on the animals!), and with donations coming in weekly we would rather not have to rent a second locker so early in the year. Please call the Sanctuary if you have any space to donate for storage. Thank you!

Wishing you could make a financial gift to the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary, but it just isn’t in the budget? There are two programs you can participate in that allow you to make regular monetary donations to FAS at absolutely no cost to you.

☆ Major Market will donate 1% of the total amount spent on receipts that are returned by FAS. Submit your receipts to us through the mail or drop them off directly at the sanctuary.

☆ Visit smile.amazon.com to select the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary as your designated charity. FAS will receive a donation from Amazon with every purchase you make.
If you have been to the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary to look at dogs available for adoption, you have probably met Monte. Monte was one of the original founders of FAS back in 2002. He has done everything associated with getting the Sanctuary off the ground and growing. His favorite place to be is with the dogs. He loves taking care of them, playing with them, and doing whatever he can to make them as comfortable as possible during their stay. Come by the sanctuary and visit with the big dogs. Monte will give you a tour and tell you all about the dogs in his care.

**2019 Year in Review**

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**FUN FACT!**

A Bloodhound’s sense of smell is so accurate that it can be used as evidence in a court of law.
Make a Gift in 3 Easy Steps

Not everyone wants to commit to making a gift in their wills or estates. Some prefer the increased flexibility that a beneficiary designation provides by using:

- IRAs and retirement plans
- Life insurance policies
- Annuities

It only takes three simple steps to make this type of gift. Here’s how to name the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary:

1. Contact your retirement plan administrator, insurance company, bank, or financial institution for a change-of-beneficiary form.
2. Decide what percentage (1 to 100) you would like us to receive and name us, along with the percentage you chose, on the beneficiary form.
3. Return the completed form to your plan administrator, insurance company, bank or financial institution.